

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it ascertained that the cost will not be commensurate with the benefit that will be derived by the construction of the channel?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The cost was found to be prohibitive.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it was ascertained that the cost would be prohibitive, after comparing the cost of the channel as well as the extent of the land that will be benefited by it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I shall find that out.

P. W. D. toll-gate in Nedumangad.

101 * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any taluk, other than Nedumangad taluk, where there is more than one P. W. D. toll-gate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many separate P. W. D. toll-gates are there in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice. The interpellation was "Is there any taluk other than Nedumangad taluk where there is more than one P. W. D. toll-gate and the answer is, "yeas".

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How many toll-gates are there in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether there is only one P. W. D. toll-gate or more than one P. W. D. toll-gate in the Nedumangad taluk? Sir, the answer given to the main question itself pre-supposes that there are more than one P. W. D. toll-gate. So the Government member is expected to reply me. He says it is more than one. I want to know whether it is two or three or more?

PRESIDENT: He has not got the information. The honourable member himself knows it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I know it.

May I know from the Government which is the taluk that has got more than one P. W. D. toll-gate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Kunnathnad, Changanachery, Quilon etc.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the names of two separate toll-gates in the Quilon taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Neendakara and Paripally.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether those two toll-gates are given in auction to the same contractor or to two separate contractors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Separate contractors.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government the distance between the toll-gates at Neendakara and at Paripally?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the distance between the two toll-gates in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that it is not possible for the people of Nedumangad to go from one end of the taluk to another without paying at several toll-gates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The honourable member himself knows that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that a Resolution was passed in the old Legislative Council with regard to the abolition of the Nedumangad toll-gates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A lot of resolutions there were regarding the abolition of toll-gates everywhere.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware of the resolution with regard to the abolition of the toll-gates in the Nedumangad taluk?

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer said that there was a request for abolition of all toll-gates in all taluks. Therefore Nedumangad is included.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): His reply is incorrect, Sir. That is why I put the question.

PRESIDENT: You say that Nedumangad is the only taluk to which the resolution in the legislature related?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): And to which toll-gate at Nedumangad does the resolution relate?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware of the resolution with regard to the abolition of the P. W. D. toll-gates at Nedumangad?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, is it not furnishing information?

SADASYA TILAKAM T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Sir, a point of order: whether the Government is aware of a resolution passed through the legislature; whether that question lies. The wording of a

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resolution in the Assembly or Council is "that Government be requested....." That is a question which to me, Sir, conveys no particular meaning. I wish to know whether such a question will lie.

PRESIDENT : Of course the Deputy President is quite right when he raised the point of order. Supplementary questions must be entirely confined to facts not within the knowledge of the member interpellating. But in regard to the proceedings of the legislature, they must be within the knowledge of the member himself. He is therefore aware of that; and being aware of that no supplementary questions should be allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (Nedumangad) : May I know from the Government the action taken by the Government on that resolution?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : Government considered it and decided to keep on the toll-gates.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (Parur) : May I know from the Government the names of the two toll-gates in the Kunnatnad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : I am afraid I must claim notice.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (Parur) : Then may I know how the member said that there were two toll-gates in the Kunnatnad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : Perumbavur and Edappalli.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (Parur) : In which taluk does Edappally fall?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : Edappally toll-gate falls in the Kunnatnad taluk.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (Parur) : May I know whether it is not a sub-toll gate of the Vaikam-Udayamperur road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : There are two separate toll gates.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (Parur) : May I know whether one has to pay at Edappally and again to pay in the Vaikam-Udayamperur road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : The reply was regarding the two toll-gates in Kunnatnad taluk and I said that there are two toll-gates. If you want to have a special discussion on toll-gates, I will ask for notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I) : May I know the number of toll-gates in the Kalkulam taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : I believe there is only one.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I) : Whether there are subsidiary toll gates attached to it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : Very likely.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I) : May I know how many?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : I think it is three.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there are toll-gates attached to each of these subsidiary toll-gates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I may claim notice for all these questions.

Malaria Relief Works.

102. * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) who has been in charge of the malaria relief works in the Nedumangad and Neyyattinkara taluks;

(b) how many miles of roads were constructed in the Neyyattinkara taluk in connection with the malaria relief works;

(c) how many miles of roads were constructed in the Nedumangad taluk in connection with the malaria relief works; and

(d) whether they are aware that the construction of Chayam-Perungamala trace, Kallara-Aruvipuram trace, Kottakkagam-Arianad trace, Arianad-Iringayil trace, and Veeranakavu trace as cart roads are necessary works to be taken up in connection with malaria relief works in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) The P. W. D. and Medical Departments. No relief works have been undertaken in the Nedumangad taluk.

(b) $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of roads have been improved.

(c) None.

(d) Government do not think so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the malaria affected people of those localities are given medical aid by the Government because those people find it very difficult to go and get medical aid?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not think there is any difficulty in going to any of the dispensaries for obtaining medical relief.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that people who inhabit the interior parts of the Nedumangad taluk and who are severely suffering from malaria are seven or eight miles away from the hospital sites?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe in these cases relief is taken to them by the Medical Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the Medical Department have taken any such relief at any time in the Nedumangad taluk to the interior parts of that taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe that is being done, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is not a question of belief of the member, Sir. My question was on what date or dates the Medical Department took medical aid to the interior parts of the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.